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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 25th February 2018**

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare): Year B

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: 11th – 17th March 2018 (Weekday Cycle Year 2 / Psalter Week IV)

<p><u>Saturday 10th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	<p><i>PARISH FINANCES</i></p> <p><i>3rd / 4th March 2018</i></p>
<p><u>Saturday 10th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Patrick Ryan RIP</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 11th March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Dina & John Whitfield RIP 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p>	<p>Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <u>TOTAL:</u> Chad: Intercare: SVP:</p>
<p><u>Monday 12th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)</p>	<p><i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday 13th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Isobel Barnes</p>	<p><i>Don't forget our traditional Lenten Devotions of Stations of the Cross on Fridays and Sundays (with Benediction).</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday 14th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>7:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls</p>	<p><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p>
<p><u>Thursday 15th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p>	<p>Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Maureen Doherty, Tom Farrelly, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Evelyn Venning, Louise Whitham and Bob Wilson.</p>
<p><u>Friday 16th March: Lenten Feria</u></p> <p>12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret Simmons (Patterson) 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 17th March: St Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland (Feast)</u></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Lally & Costello Family RIP 10:45 am: Confessions</p>	
<p><u>Saturday 17th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent: Year B</u></p> <p>5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP</p>	
<p><u>Sunday 18th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent: Year B</u></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Welfare of Oonagh Reilly 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction</p>	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
Next Week:		D Wilson & M Roy
Readers:	A Simmons	A Horgan
Next Week:	P Hubberstey	R Marlow
Offertory:	M King & J Williams	M Castor & Volunteer
Next Week:	J Fox & N Brennan	J Powell & M Calladine
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Whitham	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: J Walton
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	Next Week: NO FLOWERS IN LENT
Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Brasses:	L Newbold	Next Week: K Bennett

LENTEN LUNCH: Continues **THIS Friday, 16th March 2018**, homemade soup and a roll will be served in the Hall after Mass. It has been very successful so far and the quality of the soup is excellent! The cost is a steal at £ 2. 00 per person and the money made will be shared between CAFOD and Mary's Meals.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were overwhelmed with the donations received from our Parish this week and send their sincere thanks to everyone, they want you to know that this Parish is remembered every day in their prayers. The next visit will be just before Easter on **Monday 26th March 2018**. – *Diane Wilson*.

FAIR TRADE: many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade sale last weekend. Once again, any profits made from the sales will go to Mary's Meals – a charity helping to feed Third World school children. Information about Mary's Meals can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. The next sale will be the weekend of **24th /25th March 2018**.

MISSIO: The Spring edition of Mission Today is in the Church porch – please take a copy.

BEESTON SHOPMOBILITY: Beeston Shopmobility have found new premises in **Oban House, 8 Chilwell Road, Beeston NG9 1EJ (opposite St John's Church,) Telephone 0115 925792**. These premises are 50 metres from Beeston centre bus/tram stops – a much improved location for our members. If you have a mobility issue that makes it difficult to access the shops and businesses or just to socialise in Beeston, then we are there to help you and you don't have to be registered disabled or a blue card holder. It is free to register as a member of Beeston Shopmobility, just bring along 2 pieces of proof of identity (one with a photograph) i.e. passport, bus pass, driving licence etc. or a bill with your name and present address. We will give you full training to drive the scooters safely. There is a small charge of £ 1. 00 for 2 hours use of both mobility scooters and wheelchairs, plus a weekly hire scheme for holidays is also available. All our equipment is fully insured and regularly maintained to high safety standards. Oban house has 4 reserved parking places for Shopmobility members and the opening times remain the same 10:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Saturday excepting bank holidays. **Ring us on 0115 925 7972**.

ASSUMPTION DOES ALPHA: The Course continues **THIS Tuesday, 13th March 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00pm** for dinner, a film and discussion in the Parish Hall. For more information please email alpha.assumption@gmail.com. **All welcome**.

RCIA PROGRAMME: Our RCIA Programme will continue **THIS Wednesday, 14th March 2018** in the Parish Hall after the evening Mass. The themes for this week are: **"Baptism,"** and **"Confirmation."** **All welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.**

PARISH CHOIR: After a short break the Parish Choir are looking to reform in time for the Easter Services. Unfortunately, it is still very short of regular members. I would reiterate what the Church teaches, that, the goal and purpose of Liturgical Music is to enhance the experience of our worship by heightening the Word of God with music and to provide beauty to the Liturgy through music. Through music the Choir strives to enable the song of the assembly to encourage full, active and conscious participation. Music in the Liturgy is a ministry to the assembled congregation to provide music which allows and encourages spiritual reflection. It is therefore our duty to use the talents we have to participate in this important role. If anyone has a reasonably good voice I would strongly encourage you to join the Parish Choir – there no age limit and, men and women are both welcome. You don't have to be a professional singer to join the Choir, just be willing to learn and improve your God given voice. As St Augustine said, "(S)he who sings prays twice!" If you are interested in joining the Choir please speak to me or Julie Mortimer as soon as possible

GRAND EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE: This year the Easter chocolate raffle is in aid of the Notre Dame Pilgrimage Account, otherwise known as the Lourdes Fund. This was set up when Fr Eastwood was our Parish Priest, and the weekday congregation began serving refreshments after morning mass. The charge was intended to cover the cost of tea, coffee, milk, biscuits etc. but the ladies of the parish generously donated those items and the money raised was used to send a parishioner to Lourdes when enough money was available. In the last ten years the fund was put on a more formal footing and is run by a committee. We aim to send at least one parishioner a year to Lourdes on the Across Jumbulance, which is fitted out as a mini hospital on wheels. This enables us to send people with complex health issues where special care is needed. We also sponsor carers who give their time to look after people on the pilgrimage. This year, thanks to several large donations, we are able to send four pilgrims on the Jumbulance, three VIPs and one carer. We are still a little short of the £2800 total needed, so please dig deep, support the raffle and, of course, join us in the hall after morning mass for coffee or tea and a biscuit and get to know your fellow parishioners a little better. At a mere 50p a cup it has to be the cheapest drink in the town, but if you wish to give more we never object!

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN YEARBOOK 2018: Available now priced £ 2.00.